

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Romantic Incidents in the Career of Senator Jones of Nevada.

SENATOR INGALLS' NEW BOOK.

"Gath" on the Attractions of the National Capital—Projected Enlargement of the Patent Office.

"What do you think of Washington?" was recently asked of George Alfred Townsend, the Cincinnati Enquirer's respondent. "This is the city," said Gath, "which I used to make my home ultimately. I know no city in the United States which gives one so much for his money as Washington. It is situated between the South and the North, and therefore for winter purposes is convenient to those soft and basking situations, where you can get out of the harsh climate of the North, and it is equally near New York and the best parts of the North, so that you can avoid the influence of the summer as well. It has a noble climate in the spring, a good climate in the fall, and during the winter some days are as agreeable as Norfolk or Florida. This is the city where all men who have worked hard would like to spend some portion of their lives." "How did you find any way to make money, but hard work?" "No. Every dollar you may account for it yourself. You must put in your voluntary profuse if you want to draw anything out. No man makes money but by sacrifice, and those who get their money without sacrifice do not appreciate it."

Representative Gess Anderson of the Quincy district of Illinois is one of the youngest members of the House, and promises to be one of the brightest when he shall have become better acquainted with the duties expected of him. Missouri people will take an interest in the Quincy Congressman, says the Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Republican, for the reason that he studied law in the office of Frank A. Sampson at Sedalia, where he is well known. While there he made the acquaintance of Hon. John T. Heard, when neither had the remotest idea of ever serving as Representatives in Congress from their States. Mr. Anderson was born in Botetourt County, Virginia, but when he was only 2 years of age his parents removed to Hancock County, Illinois. He began the practice of law at Quincy in 1880; in 1884 was elected city attorney, re-elected in 1885, and in 1886 was chosen Representative in Congress for the District, receiving an overwhelming majority against his Republican opponent.

Delegate Dubois is a good deal tickled, says the New York Sun, over the fact that the President put in his pocket the bill passed near the end of the Forty-ninth Congress attacking the Idaho Panhandle, with its rich Cour d'Alene mines, to Washington Territory. The Idaho people call this move a scheme to make Washington Territory a State with Delegate Charles Stewart Voorhees, who has had a very successful career since he left the Tall Sycamore's home in Indiana and went to the Pacific coast to hustle for himself. They want to keep their own fresh-skinned Territory intact, and the man whom they fear more than Delegate Voorhees is Senator Stewart of Nevada, who is just as intent now on rehabilitating the population of his State as he was on buying the gorgeous mansion in which the Chinese Minister abides. Senator Stewart wants South Idaho, but the bombshell the people of the Territory have prepared for him is a set of figures which shows that if Nevada and Southern Idaho were patched together they would make a State larger in area than all New England and the Middle States combined. Delegate Dubois, who has all this offensive and defensive programme to carry out, is a bachelor and 36. He is muscular, with black hair and moustache, and a small bulldog. He likes a quiet pipe, smoked Idaho fashion, and prefers the frontier with all its lack of comforts, to the effete East.

A political novel, that will have much to do with life and events in Washington, says Wm. J. Bok in the New York Graphic, will shortly come from the pen of Senator John J. Ingalls. It has been an open secret for some time that Senator Ingalls has been engaged on a piece of literary work, but its exact nature has up to this time not been known. The novel will be a thoroughly political one. The characters in the story will all be drawn from life and will be portraits of well-known men and women of the present time, thinly veiled under assumed names. The scenes will be laid partly in Washington and partly in the West, and will embrace some descriptions of scenery and narratives of adventure. The novel will begin with the Electoral Commission of 1877-77 and close with the assassination of President Garfield. Incidentally the book will contain many of the author's observations of men and women, their manners, morals, habits, passions and modern tendencies of our politics and society. The story will also deal with the causes and conditions of success and failure in public life, but will have no special "moral" nor any didactic purpose. No title has yet been chosen for the book nor has any time of publication yet been fixed.

The life of Senator Jones of Nevada, says a Washington letter, has been a continued romance. One year he is a millionaire and the next year is flat broke. To-day he has \$100,000 to his credit, tomorrow he is \$50,000 poorer than when he was born. Although he represents Nevada in the Senate, he is to all intents and purposes a Californian. He resides in California, his interests are in California and he is always called a Californian, except at Washington. But then, Californians own Nevada. There are less than 8,000 voters in the sovereign commonwealth of Nevada, and half of these take an excursion from California for the purpose of dropping their ballots. Nevada is a rotten borough, and its maladministration a State gives California double representation in the U. S. Senate. John P. Jones is a really brilliant man. He has a remarkable fund of useful information and he can make a good speech on any subject with very little preparation. He is an inveterate stock gambler and always a bull. At one time, about nine years ago, he was worth \$500,000. In two years he was broke. During his last period he was sick and his wife with \$60,000 worth of diamonds. When he

reached the financial zero he asked his wife to lend him the diamonds. She did so. He sold them and invested the proceeds in mining stock. The venture was lucky, and in less than a year the \$60,000 had increased to \$300,000. He then returned the diamonds to his wife, increased by 25 per cent. Jones is interested in mines in Nevada, California, Arizona and Colorado. His wealth is now up in the millions again. Rich or poor, Jones is always happy. He is a firm believer in his own good luck. He is a spirit, not but a wise poker player. He lost \$85,000 at one sitting at Tombstone, Ariz., and raised in \$25,000 of Tom Bowen's money the first week the latter served in the Senate. Jones has an account of his poker transactions, and a year, he was \$75,000 ahead of the game. He is a natural B-sherman, and he always has better drinking beer and singing songs with a crew of bright fellows than partaking of the gorgeous hospitality of the Washington nabobs.

It is probable, says the New York Tribune's correspondent, that a strong effort will be made in this Congress to get the whole of the Interior Department building for the Patent Office. Senator Cockrell's investigating committee has become thoroughly convinced that this branch of the public service is in need of some kind, but none were serious, and riders would mount and come on as fast as possible to try to be in at the finish. After going three or four miles, though there were only six within hailing distance, and at the suggestion of Mr. Winslow, it was determined to have a point-to-point steeplechase. A horse probably five miles as the bird flew from the start was selected as the winner.

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was given, and off the party of twelve started at a terrific pace. At the first two or three miles refused and one fell, and at each fence there was an accident of some kind, but none were serious, and riders would mount and come on as fast as possible to try to be in at the finish.

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